

students. Dayton High School is home to a Texas religion-Texas Football. The entire community comes together; people from all walks of life get together every weekend and share in the tears and cheers and root their team to victory.

It is an honor to represent the citizens of Dayton, Texas in the United States House of Representatives. I am proud to have worked with Dayton Mayor Steve Stephens and the city council on numerous projects concerning the city. I commend them for their leadership in helping Dayton grow. I am truly proud to represent this patriotic town.

I look forward to seeing Dayton prosper in the future and wish the city "Happy Birthday" as it celebrates its 100th anniversary.

That's just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, on May 13, 2011, I missed a vote on the Amendment to H.R. 754 by Rep. GIBSON of New York.

I would have voted "yea."

TRIBUTE TO OPENING OF NORTH CAROLINA VETERANS' PARK

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark and pay tribute to the opening of the North Carolina a Veterans' Park. As the Representative of the Third District of North Carolina, I bear the heavy burden of watching Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen deploy from Camp Lejeune, Marine Corps Air Station, New River, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base to protect our Nation's freedoms. I have and continue to support their efforts through legislation and advocacy on their behalf.

Even before our Nation was founded, North Carolinians have answered the call of duty to their Communities, State and Country and continue to answer the call in response to terror, tyranny and disaster. On July 4, 2011, the 235th celebration of our independence, the City of Fayetteville will unveil the North Carolina Veterans' Park to celebrate all North Carolina members of the Armed Forces, who continue to sacrifice their today for our tomorrow.

The park is located in Fayetteville, home to Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base, from which brave men and women deploy to place themselves in harm's way to defend our way of life. The City and the designers of the park have commemorated each phase of service; leaving civilian life and swearing the oath to protect the Constitution, to the time spent serving; to the time that they separate from active or reserve service, when the warrior returns to civilian life.

The dedication and devotion of the citizens of the Tar Heel State are etched in the annals

of this great Nation. North Carolinians are feared by their enemies, trusted by their allies and revered by those they serve. The opening of this park is a fitting tribute to all those who have served, are serving, will serve or have a loved one who has served.

I congratulate the City of Fayetteville for the building and dedication of this fine tribute.

CONGRATULATIONS TEPPARA FAMILY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

MR. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to congratulate my good friend and former Chief of Staff Dino Teppara and his wife Vatsala on the birth of their daughter Meghana Lakshmi Teppara. Meghana was born on Friday, April 8, 2011, in Fairfax, Virginia.

Meghana Lakshmi Teppara is six pounds and twenty inches of pride and joy to her loving grandparents, Dilip and Gita Teppara of Columbia, South Carolina, and Vijay and Vasanti Alsi of Vienna, Virginia.

I am so excited for this new blessing to the Teppara family and wish them all the best.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Fall River, Massachusetts. St. Anthony of Padua has served as a vibrant center of faith and community for the Portuguese population of Fall River for generations.

St. Anthony of Padua evolved in 1911 due to an influx of Portuguese immigrants in Fall River. Early on, Reverend B. Carmo administered to Portuguese speaking immigrants in the crypt of another church, to which parishioners would walk several miles in order to attend Mass in their native language.

Through the hard work, fundraising, and labor of dedicated parishioners, the edifice of St. Anthony of Padua was completed and dedicated on February 2, 1913.

Over the past hundred years, St. Anthony of Padua has shown a steadfast commitment to Fall River and the surrounding community. As its spiritual community continues to grow and thrive, St. Anthony of Padua continues to open its doors and serve all in need.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that the United States House of Representatives joins me in recognizing St. Anthony of Padua for the indispensable role it has played in our community over the last 100 years, and hopefully many years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO FATHER MARTIN MORONEY

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Father Martin Moroney, who is retiring this month from his pastoral responsibilities at St. John Vianney parish in Rancho Cordova, California. A native of O'Callaghan's Mills, Ireland, Father Moroney chose to enter St. Patrick's College Seminary in 1960. St. Patrick's forms priests for overseas work and Father Moroney chose to come to the Sacramento Diocese because its rural nature reminded him of Ireland. Arriving in Sacramento in 1967, he has spent the past forty-four years serving Californians. After a brief stint at St. Mel's in Fair Oaks, he moved to St. Anthony's in Mt. Shasta, a small lumber town in the Cascade Mountains. For the next six years he served at St. Theresa's in South Lake Tahoe before returning to Sacramento to serve at Sacred Heart and then All Hallows.

In 1981, Father Moroney was given the opportunity to return to a rural community when he was asked to become the pastor of St. John's in Quincy, while also taking care of the mission church in Greenville. For twelve years, he drove twenty-two miles each way to Greenville twice a week to care for the community there in the mountains of Plumas County. Quickly integrating into his new community, he was even recruited to work the first down chains at local high school football games.

Father Moroney has always been a man of prayer. When he was faced with a difficult decision in 1993, he turned to God for guidance. Giving up his rural post in Quincy, where his parish consisted of 250 families, he decided to assent to his bishop's request to move to a parish in the suburbs of Sacramento, consisting of 1,500 families. There, at St. John Vianney's, Father Moroney has been serving as pastor for the past eighteen years. Under his guidance, the parish has grown in unity and diversity, adding a Spanish and an Indonesian outreach program. He also proved to be a skilled financial manager, eliminating \$200,000 of debt and growing the parish school endowment dramatically.

All of these achievements are not just material achievements. They were motivated by a heart filled with compassion for all people and accomplished by a man willing to sacrifice himself—and even his health—for the betterment of others. It is truly a privilege to offer Father Moroney my sincere gratitude and congratulations for all of his service as a priest. I wish him all the best in the coming years.

CONGRATULATING LIEUTENANT COLONEL RICHARD M. ROSA

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Richard Rosa, for his outstanding service to our Nation and the United States Air Force.